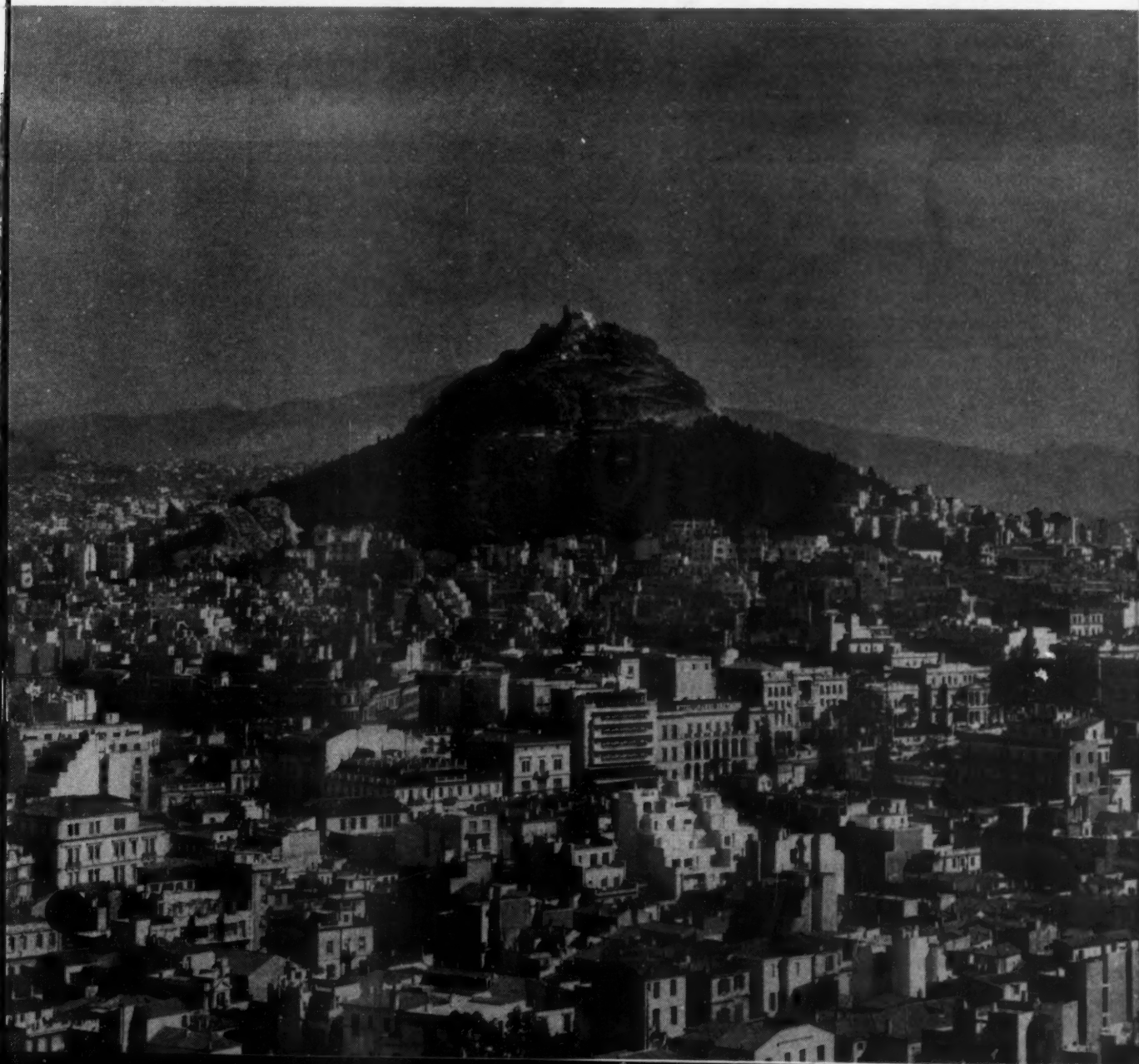


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# Editorial

## BORN FOR A PURPOSE

**P**ASSING THROUGH ST. LOUIS several weeks ago, I was attracted by the signs on a shoe-shine stand. They declared to all passers-by that here they could get the best shine in town, and that they could have their shoes shined to a mirror finish.

Inside, I soon found that any customer who would listen was treated to a free discourse on life along with his "mirror shine." It became immediately evident to me that the elderly colored man who worked there alone was scrupulously honest and truthful about what he had to say, as well as conscientious about the work he did on your shoes. When I commended him for this, he stated with disarming sincerity, "I was born to shine shoes. Every man is born to do something; I was born to shine shoes. That is my calling."

Some may criticize an attitude that had no higher ambition than to shine shoes, but I commend that old man for the seriousness with which he approached his task. To us, shining shoes might be a lowly and menial task, but to him it was a profession or a calling. He did not approach it timidly or listlessly, but instead went about his work with enthusiasm and industry. If he must be a bootblack, then he would be the best one in town, and such he determined to be. He found joy in his labor, and this joy removed the tedium from the labor.

In the course of the conversation I discovered him to be a sincere born-again Christian. This colored gentleman had no higher call to labor than to shine shoes; but, after all, I reflected, God needs boot-blacks who will be serious about Him and their labor. After all, are we not admonished by the Scriptures, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might"? This attitude elevated shining shoes to the status of a calling, and the man who would so seriously consider his work not only would make a good boot-black, but also would succeed in any other calling.

You can make anything you do tedious labor, or a calling in which and through which you can work for God. There is a real need today for men and women who feel a calling into tasks other than the ministry.

The Sunday School class you teach can be a calling or a bothersome burden to you. It all depends upon how you approach the work. If you think it is a burden, then it will be a burden, and if you long for release from it, then the yoke of it will become heavier

than you can bear. If you regard the task as an opportunity to serve God and as a challenge to be the very best teacher possible, then it will no longer be a task or a burden, but will be a calling that is delightful to perform. If each week's preparation for the lesson finds you endeavoring only to find something to occupy the time until the class period is over, then you certainly were not born to teach a Sunday School class and do not feel the calling. However, if each week finds you approaching the lesson with eagerness and anticipation, you have made your work a calling and will find it a pleasure to perform. Anyone can feel this calling to teach if he will approach teaching with the proper attitude. The matter is not so much how you feel, but how you think; for when you think properly toward a thing, that will give you the proper feeling toward it.

It is not necessary for me to point out a great number of tasks that can be elevated into callings by a proper attitude. You can apply that truth to your own particular case. You can make work in the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band a calling instead of bothersome labor if you will regard it as a field in which you will excel and as an opportunity to work for the Lord. The same is true of music and singing, or even work in the altar. It is true of the job at which you make your living and the relationship and opportunities for service you find in your community or neighborhood.

Many persons accomplish little in the things they do because they are constantly searching for something else to do, something that seems to have a little more honor attached to it. You will have more opportunities for service than you can meet if you will approach each task as a calling instead of drudgery. If the thing you must do prohibits you from doing things you would like to do, you can spend your time in fretting until you are frustrated and defeated, or you can accept the task you must do as the task you were meant to do and you can find joy in the doing.

**HOUSEWIVES PARTICULARLY** need to understand this. The confining labor of keeping house and rearing children often gives a woman a sense of uselessness and fruitlessness. While others are out working for the Lord, they must remain at home with the tedious and monotonous tasks that never are quite done. You may chafe under such rigor until you not



# THE PASTOR'S WIFE

*By Mauldin Ray*

**T**HE DUTIES of a pastor's wife are seldom realized by the church. Many people are not aware of the many added tasks she encounters in her home as well as those she shares in the work of her husband. She finds herself divided between two jobs, each worthy of her full time.

Frequently she is confused by the conflict that arises between her public duties and her domestic responsibilities. She is har-

assed by the question, "Should the needs of my family be neglected to render service to the church?"

A few thoughtless members feel that the pastor's wife is obligated to go with him on all occasions which demand his presence. Her duties are first to her children and her husband and then to her husband's profession. Pastor's children suffer many times by unfair demands that churches make upon their

mothers. Instead of being at home to give them the maternal care they should have, the pastor's wife is sometimes forced to be on the go with her husband. This is asking too much of her, her husband, and her children.

A pastor's wife also has more difficulty in carrying out her household duties than the average housewife. Her interruptions during the day are many. She must receive all callers at the parsonage and entertain them graciously regardless of what chores are being neglected. Much of her time is wasted through unnecessary telephone calls made by those who are not aware of how many calls have gone before or how many will follow. Yet she must show concern for all who call regardless of how needless the call may be.

Despite the heavy role she plays, she should not shirk any of the duties she owes the church. Yet church members should exercise care in making demands of her, for her duties are double. She has assumed these noble roles because her husband has chosen it for her. They are as endless as the rainbow and as variegated as its colors. Grace to those who are brave enough to assume such a role!

only are unable to do the things you want to do, but also are a failure at the thing you have to do. Instead of bearing this double defeat you shall regard the labor of homemaking as your labor for the Lord and as your chance to offer Him service. With this attitude, your labor is indeed a calling, and your success in that calling will make you a profitable servant of the Lord. God needs good homemakers and good mothers as much as He needs good ministers and good teachers. Perhaps you were born to keep house and to rear children. Eventually you may understand this truth, but you may not do so until you have failed in your task, unless you have the proper attitude toward it at the time it is your task.

Horace Bushnell has said that

God has a definite life plan for every human person, girding him, visibly or invisibly, for some exact thing which it will be the true significance and glory of his life to have accomplished.

If your life is dedicated and consecrated to the Lord,

He is working out a life plan for you. It may be in the form of menial labor and it may be in the form of conspicuous service, but regardless it will glorify Him only when you accept it as a calling in which you must do your very best and as your opportunity to do Him service. If you are a mechanic, determine to be the best mechanic you know—for God needs good mechanics. If you are a factory worker, determine to do your particular job as well or better than anyone else—for God needs good factory workers. If you are a secretary, determine to be among the very best of secretaries—for God needs your service in that field. Your labor can be a wearisome and monotonous routine and drudge, or it can be a high and respectable life calling and opportunity for Christian service. Whatever your labor, be sure you do it well.

*Charles W. Cowie*

As the Church of God enters  
its DIAMOND JUBILEE, let us ask ourselves

# WHOSE DECADE SHALL THIS BE?

By A. M. Phillips  
General Secretary-Treasurer

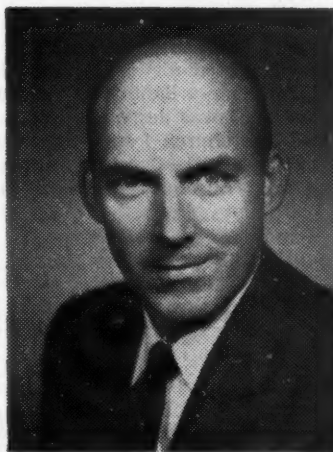
**T**HIS IS Diamond Jubilee Year! The seventy-five years behind us have been filled with destitution, struggles, sacrifices, and bloodshed; during these same years the Church has enjoyed successes, victories, and triumphs. Surely these are the lessons which must be remembered far beyond the Diamond Jubilee. Looking at world conditions today, we ask ourselves this question at the beginning of the decade: will our Nation be most influenced by materialism, Communism, or Christianity? Christianity is being challenged in America and the world over by powers that would destroy it. Christian leaders must face the question, "Whose decade shall this be?"

The Church of God must strive to answer this important question. Our Diamond Jubilee comes in an era of world-wide turmoil, of change, and of fear. With the evil forces attempting to enter the door of Christianity at the outset of this decade, we are compelled to give serious consideration to the decisive years ahead.

## MULTITUDE OF PEOPLE

Recently I, along with other interested church leaders, attended the annual meeting of the Association of Statisticians convening in the Interchurch Center, Riverside Drive, New York City.

It was interesting to listen to Dr. Conrad Taueber, Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Census, as he lectured to us a short ninety minutes on the theme, "What's New About the 1960 Census of Population?" One of the highlights,



A. M. Phillips

as he explained, was that the population of the United States had increased a record *twenty-eight million* in ten years. I thought of the 3,139 Church of God Sunday Schools when we were told that the census record revealed that the number of school-age children had increased fifty per cent since 1950.

## BURDEN OF THE MESSAGE

Visualizing an increase of *twenty-eight million* in our population and realizing that it includes fifty per cent more school-age children, we find ourselves faced with this question, "Whose decade shall this be?" Shall it belong to materialism, Communism, or Christianity? Can we afford to be satisfied when we are challenged by such foes? Will we please our heavenly Father

and fulfill our obligation to Christ, His Church, and society, if we fail to work toward gaining these people for God and His Church?

## THE TIMES DEMAND IT OUR FAITH URGES IT THE HOLY SPIRIT COMPELS IT

We must plan now for a great increase in Sunday School and church attendance and membership. This census revealed that the most rapid growth is in the older and younger groups, i.e., under five years, and sixty-five years and up. Think of the ever-increasing number of children and teen-agers in America who should be members of Sunday School classes and churches. This number will increase greatly in three to five years. It is also noteworthy that our population has been increased by three million immigrants who have come to our country since 1950 and are now citizens of the United States. This decade ahead will be crucial, decisive years—years that may weigh us in the balances—times that will try men's souls.

## CAREFUL PLANNING

At the last General Assembly—oh, my Brother, what an Assembly!—during several days of a mighty moving of the Spirit of God, state overseers, pastors, and evangelists were given the opportunity to assemble and discuss plans concerning the organization of new churches and Sunday Schools, the increase in church attendance and membership, and the general expansion of our program for the Diamond Jubilee Year. You will read in the *Evangel* from time

to time the reports of the outstanding accomplishments resulting from these plans.

The Church (you and I) must step up the pace by outlining a vigorous, aggressive, Spirit-filled program that will enlist every minister, church official, Sunday School teacher, youth leader—every Christian. This program must include house-to-house soul-winning, church and home prayer meetings, Sunday School revivals, and general church evangelistic campaigns. Our goals must be to recruit new families for new members; to have old churches renewed, revived, and refilled; to have new churches going up across this country like *super markets* and *shopping centers*.

Ministers must preach sermons that will strengthen the hearts and hands of many people. Did you know that our records show that in most cases newly organized churches double in membership and Sunday School attendance within twelve months? Did you know that new churches grow faster, enlist a larger percentage of their membership in the total program of the church, and are more effective in developing individual church members in Christian living and witnessing?

We must prepare for and go out after the greatest harvest of souls ever witnessed in the Church of God. We must expand the cause of Christ and bring souls into the kingdom of God as we never have before. God grant that we shall work so hard and so effectively that when our grandchildren read about the Diamond Jubilee, they will read about some of the greatest revivals of all time.

This is a time that calls for extraordinary rededication and re-consecration to the great ideals which motivated our forefathers seventy-five years ago, when they heralded the gospel from American pulpits until people were heard to say, "What a sermon! The preacher stirred my blood." They were preachers that preached—preached amidst blood, tears, and privation—a gospel that would save men though they were at the icy edge of death.

# JESUS IS HIS NAME

By T. W. Day

Overseer of Wisconsin-Minnesota

**M**ORE THAN THREE years ago, four eye specialists said that I was losing my eyesight. I was stunned. It seemed that all I had planned and wanted to do for my church and my family was brought to an abrupt end. The future seemed dark and hopeless. Without sight, my entire life would be changed. The thought of having to be helped and cared for by others haunted me. I felt my life would become a liability instead of a blessing. I was desperate.

The fine church I was pastoring at Pelzer, South Carolina, was so kind and considerate. One of the

specialists said he might be able to save at least some of my sight by an operation. The church gave me a six weeks' leave of absence and I entered a hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Lying flat on my back, motionless, I began my first night in the hospital, and what a night! As I lay there with my eyes covered to keep out light, thoughts filled my mind—thoughts of Jesus and how He opened blinded eyes, made the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, and the lame to walk. I thought of the many times that I had de-

## Jesus Is His Name

(From a sermon by Rev. F. B. McGinn, preached in Laine Grove, N. C.)

Thos. W. Day

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1. I have found a pre-cious friend, One who's with me the  
 2. By His touch the lame man walked, By His power call up-  
 3. He will not with-hold one thing, When we

'till the end, To this sin-ful world He  
 dumb man talked, Heal-er of the sick He be-  
 on His name, Hope for all is just the

came, yes He came; I was sink-ing in de-  
 came, He be-came; Sav-ior of the fall-en  
 same, just the same; When you don't know what to

spair, When He heard and an-swered prayer,  
 man, Dev-ils left at His com-mand, Je-sus, Je-  
 do, He will make a way for you,

CHORUS

aus, Je-sus is His name. is His name. Just to



## MY MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

clared while preaching that Jesus is the same today. It seemed I could not pray but could only utter, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!" Just to say His name seemed to increase my faith. Every time I uttered His wonderful name, I could see the Master as He opened blinded eyes, stilled the troubled sea, and performed many other miracles while He was here on this earth. I have heard of many people who got to the place that they could not pray, but could just say the words, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!"

I had the nurse call my wife to come from Kannapolis. She came and we joined together in calling upon the Lord. She received the assurance that I was all right, that God had touched my eyes. Next morning, one of the specialists came in to examine my eyes. He said he thought it best to dismiss me from the hospital. Something had happened and he saw no need to operate. It had to be the touch of the Master's hand!

Leaving the hospital, I went to church services in China Grove,

North Carolina. Brother P. H. McCarn was preaching. He told of the great love, goodness, and understanding of Jesus. He preached about the power in the name of Jesus. Certainly he was anointed by the Holy Spirit in a wonderful way. It seemed the words came running through my mind:

*Just to know He is the same,  
Just to know He'll never change,  
Fills my heart with joy beyond compare.*

*He can save and He can heal,  
If we only to Him yield,  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is His name!*

That was more than three years ago. Recently, I had my eyes examined by two specialists in Knoxville, Tennessee. They did not find a trace of the trouble and said my eyes were all right. I love to speak the name . . . Jesus! I love to preach . . . Jesus! I love to sing . . . Jesus! There's power in the name of Jesus! Jesus is the sweetest name I know! My closest friend, one closer than a brother, **JESUS IS HIS NAME!**



T. W. Day



# PETITIONARY PRAYER

REAL PRAYING IS ALMOST A  
LOST ART AMONG MANY  
PENTECOSTALS:

*"Men ought always to pray and not to faint," Luke 18:1.*

OF THE THREE kinds of prayer, I would like to take the first for a subject. I am speaking of petitionary praying. Perhaps at a later time I will deal with the other two, intercessory, and communion.

The benefits of prayer, according to the Holy Writ, were first realized by the descendants of Seth, the third son of Adam and Eve. In Genesis 4:26, right in the front of God's Word, it states, "then began men to call upon the name of the Lord." Prayer since then has lubricated the wheels of time for the saints of God. The pages of the eternal Record are sprinkled with the prayers of the saints. Jacob petitioned God, as did Isalah, Hezekiah, and Simeon. Abraham and Moses interceded in prayer. Jesus communed with God in prayer, as well as Peter on the housetop, and Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail. Intercessory prayer is a prayer prayed for someone else. Communion asks nothing but communion with God. Petition is the prayer prayed for the one who is praying. It is the latter on which I seek to enlarge in this message.

The absolute truth of Scriptural petitionary praying is found in the words of John, "... if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And ... we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him (1 John 5:14, 15). Petitioning God for a need for oneself is the whole of petitionary praying. The soul that is out of tune with God cannot hope to prevail in rightful praying. The soul must regain its fellowship with God before profitable praying can be realized. Then prayer can be effective towards gaining the fulfillment of answered prayer.



Of the scores of prayers mentioned in the blessed Word, only about sixteen fail to record the definite answer. This does not imply God did not answer them, but the records do not definitely state such. Scores upon scores of times the Word gives the answer of prayer.

One minister said, "God always answers prayer. He answers in one of three different ways: Yes, No, or Wait." He went on to say, "We can hear the yes, but cannot hear the no and wait. Yet, it can be truthfully said that God has still answered them"

Prayer, as preaching, by the letter KILLETH, but the Spirit giveth LIFE. "Being built up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost" is the spiritual admonition of Jude. Prayers without the Spirit are almost useless words. One must pray as the words of Herbert Buffum's song suggests, "Pray until you pray and you will pray the clouds away." It often becomes necessary to PRAY until we can PRAY. "Clouds are like the snow; when shines the sun, they all must go." Prayer is the sun of your life! Let the gloomy clouds hang low, but prayer will dispel them. Sunshine and clouds do not live in the same house for long. Lethargy and indifference are soon dispersed when prayer is made.

Petitionary prayers cannot set standards for God to work by. They must be "according to his will." One must determine God's will daily through prayer. Individual acts and deeds are the determining factors of God's will. The will of God is not a palatial residence; it is made of acts and deeds done. This process must vehemently depend upon prayer. Prayer and analyses of one's life can very well shape and mold a successful life of a Christian. Selfishness is not good Christianity, let alone good praying conditions. Selfish motives in prayer will likely fail to bring anything but disappointment. Every prayer should be to the glory of God. Even though petitionary praying is for oneself, it is to glorify God. "We are not our own, we are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and spirit which are God's."

PETITIONARY praying brings salvation! Petitionary praying brings sanctification to the believer! Petitionary praying prepares the temple for the Holy Ghost! Petitionary praying brings healing for the petitioner! It is God's will to save, sanctify, fill with the Holy Ghost, and heal. These prayers are prayed according to the will of God.

Go to the prayer room of Jacob. It is a wide open space of the wilderness near Bethel. He is about to meet his past sin and deception in Esau. Kneel at the altar with Isalah, who prays for himself to be purged to go. Sit on the bed of dying Hezekiah and hear him beg for the extension of his life. Listen to the lisping tongue of the aged Simeon asking permission to see the Christ, and watch him as he peers through senile eyes and fondles the infant in his arms. Hear the wails of the blind beggar as he implores the Nazarene to give him sight, and see his eyelids flicker under the strain of light for the first time. You will see



petitionary prayer focus the light of God's will and shine it into your heart to reveal the true enigma of petitionary praying.

"Dry-eyed" praying is next to worthless. Unless one feels the tug of the need, little hope of rallying God is possible. One must be rallied himself. The most touching scenes in the Bible are those sprinkled with tears. To petition God in self-righteousness is hypocritical. It is as a sparrow at a swan's ball. The grace, humility, and approach of the swan is out of harmony with the flitting of the sparrow. Flitting, flippant, flagrant prayers are not accepted by God. Humility transcends all barriers and obstacles. Humility has a way of breaking away all hindrances to prayer. It erases the erring past. David was a man after God's own heart because "He made his bed to swim and watered his couch with his tears." He thought so much of his tearful sessions of prayer that he asked God to "put thou my tears in a bottle."

Humanly embellished prayers are like embroidery on overalls. It is out of place. The needlework of the fruits of the Spirit and gifts of the Spirit are just as much out of place on prayerless Christians! God searches out the hungering hearts and adorns them with the beauty of His holiness. If we lose the art of praying as Pentecostals, we will find ourselves in a ridiculous place. Our pews will empty. Our altars will be barren. Our church members will occupy hospital beds. The sanctuary will become a morgue.

When we will feel concerned, we will do something. We cannot be concerned about the condition of the church when our own condition is unadjusted. Revival will begin with us as individuals, not as a collective church. When we pray and revive, the church will revive.

The church has wandered through many trials, seeking for revival. We came to an opening a few years ago, when we thought we needed bigger crowds and music was the thing of the day. The more instruments and the better he could sing, the more in demand a man was. That failed us. Then came the

era when we thought an "ex" would bring us the crowd and revival. Ex-gamblers and ex-movie stars were sought, along with any other "ex," all to no avail. Then came that time when the tendency was to preach on prophecy. God bless the man who preaches prophecy. I would not disparage it whatever. We need it, and it is so important to us, but the revival did not come while we looked to Germany, Italy, and Russia, for the antichrist. In reality we looked everywhere but where we should have looked—to Jesus Christ and His coming. That did not bring a revival.



After World War II, a revival of healing broke out. Men commercialized, sermonized, and ceremonialized healing until it was hard for the true man of God to work in this capacity, lest he be branded. A revival did not come to all who had claimed healing. Many slipped back into the mire. One woman wanted healing, so she "could enjoy just one more good dance." Another wanted to be healed so he could live. He was dying and he was not fit nor ready to die. On and on it went. Fanaticism became commonplace. Heretics arose. Some people were disappointed and lost all faith. Others held on by a bare thread, knowing better than to accuse God, but they were confused by the maze of failures thrust upon them by men and women who were immoral and nothing short of philanderers and bigots.

The day finally came when the clarion call of Zechariah's prophecy was clearly heard. "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord." The secret is out. It is not by show, display, nor sensation, but by the power of the Spirit of God. It came and does come by petitionary praying.

"Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are." He prayed; things happened. "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." When Elijah prayed, something happened. You can also move God into action by your prayers.

The length of the petitionary prayer does not seem too important. Elijah's sixty-three words caused fire to fall from heaven. Again he prayed seven times before he saw the cloud.

Jacob prayed and met Esau. Jonah prayed and revived Nineveh! Hezekiah prayed and his life was lengthened! Paul prayed and a church was established! What has your prayer done?

A clock-watched prayer will avail but little. I have intense pity for a Christian who has not spent a full hour in continuous praying. He has missed the cream of prayer. Prayer is work, but so is the world's singing, dancing, gambling, and shouting, but since when does the devil point it out to the worldling? He points to the results. In the results he promises joy and happiness.

Above all, prayer reveals God to man through Jesus Christ. We know God only through prevailing prayer. Our sword is whetted in prayer. Our oil is ignited by prayer. Our voice is anointed by prayer. You will be made quicker by the closet than from the classroom. You will receive more from the closet than from the ordinary pulpit. You will be showered with heaven's best quicker in the closet than from the pulpit. You will be happier in the closet of prayer than in the ornate cathedral. You will be enthralled by the closet more than the trained robed choirs.

Nothing, absolutely nothing will take the place of Pentecostal petitionary praying. Come with me into the closet of prayer until God sends us a revival of revivals.

(To be continued)



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*Brother Carl Richardson and his wife, the former Miss Beverly Simmons, came to the Missions Department to receive whatever instructions might be necessary, and the benediction of the Executive Missions Secretary before their departure. It was to be an undertaking of faith and works in behalf of peoples of the Caribbean Islands. Their evangelistic trip would take them all the way to British Guiana "on their own." Here is the account of one man's glorious conversion.*

## CARIBBEAN DIARY

By Carl Richardson

**Q**UAINLY NESTLED in the sparkling Caribbean is tiny Harbor Island, Bahamas.

One can ride a bicycle over its three miles of paved roads and see the timeless way of life for many hundreds of interesting natives who make this their home. Here, as in most other islands and towns, you can see wealth and poverty, narrow streets, bars, churches, and schools. But in Harbor Island there are far fewer churches and schools than bars.

The average Harbor Island child goes to school until he is fourteen years old and then starts to work as a common laborer. Practically no one has opportunity for higher education. One man, however, saw his need to learn, and procured his "Cambridge Certificate" in education, and taught in the one-room public school for six years. Humphrey Percentie was then the only native on Harbor Island of such distinguished prominence. Higher earnings lured Humphrey from the

school to the night club floor of the elegant Pink Sands Lodge where he played the jazz guitar for several years. After he and his band recorded two albums of calypso and goombay music for Decca records, Humphrey bought his own night club, where he entertained such men as Dr. Milton Eisenhower and movie actor Raymond Burr (Perry Mason).

The young men of the island idolized Humphrey. He had taught many of them in school; he had entertained them with his band; he owned his own night club. But neither money, prestige, nor prominence satisfied him. As a lad he had attended the Church of God Sunday School, and it was at this altar that Humphrey Percentie found what he had been searching for all the time. He did not stop playing his guitar; he merely started playing it in the Lord's service. The news of his conversion spread through the island in a matter of hours. Humphrey boldly testified to

his old friends of what Christ had done for him!

One curious note, even after his conversion, was the fact that he doubted the reality of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. But one night during our revival campaign in Harbor Island his doubts were dispelled. With warm tears streaming down his cheeks he sobbed, "I thought before tonight that perhaps this baptism of the Holy Ghost was some sort of psychological trick, but I discovered for myself tonight that it is a genuine experience from the Lord. Whatever He wants me to do . . . I'm willing. . ."

He was baptized the following Sunday morning at six o'clock and was added to the church. A few days later he received his call to preach, and he is now evangelizing the spiritually destitute outislands of the Bahamas and the Caribbean. This is not the end of the Humphrey Percentie story. It is only the beginning . . . a glorious new beginning in Christ and in His ministry.

# Spreading the Flame

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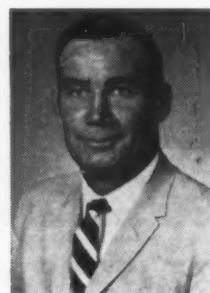


*Erie, Tennessee*

The Reverend R. Leonard Carroll of Lenoir City, Tennessee, organized the church at Erie, Tennessee, on July 31, 1960, with 17 members.

*Amarillo, Texas*

A new Church of God was organized by the Reverend C. W. Collins, Overseer, on May 25, 1960, with 12 members. The Reverend J. W. Green is responsible for pioneering the new work. Since the church was organized there have been 5 additions to the church and preparations are now being made to construct a new church building.



*Elm Grove, Oklahoma*

The Reverend E. W. Smith is responsible for organizing the church at Elm Grove, Oklahoma. Brother Smith serves as the pastor.

*Carson City, Nevada*

Three years ago, Ernest T. Barriers moved to Carson City, Nevada. Sister Barriers and 2 daughters, members of the Church of God, found there was no Church of God in Carson City. They began praying that God would send someone to begin a work there.

Sister Clara Saunders of Lenoir, North Carolina, feeling the call of God, came to Carson City and began a revival October 9, 1960. Within 3 weeks, she had organized a Sunday School with 22 persons present. On November 6, 1960 Brother L. W. McIntyre, Overseer of California and Nevada, came to Carson City and organized the church with 15 members. We now have 40 in Sunday School and 22 in Y.P.E. We hope to have a lot and begin building our church soon. We are now worshipping opposite the state capitol in the heart of town. God is surely blessing us, and we praise Him for blessing and saving someone in almost every service.



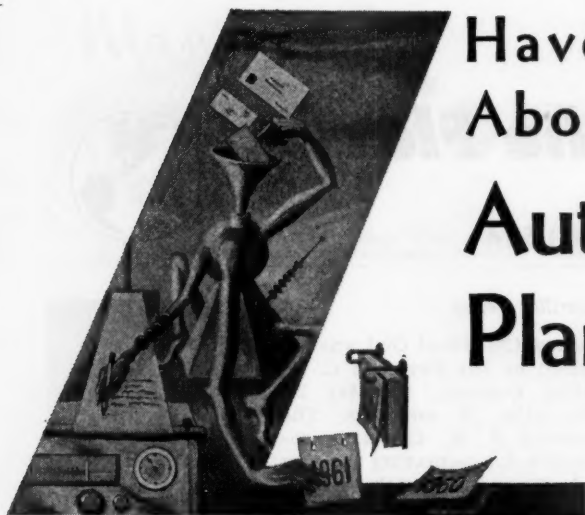
*Forest, Mississippi*

The Reverend John D. Statum, District Overseer of the Rocky Hill District, is responsible for the Church of God's being organized in Forest on April 24, 1960. The church was organized with 12 members, and they have added several new members since that time. The Reverend Eugene Sprinkle has been installed as pastor and is doing a fine job.

### LIST OF SCHEDULED REVIVALS

State	City	Church	Date	Evangelist	Pastor
Tennessee	Memphis	Whitehaven	January 29	Bobby Peoples	Hugh Don Johnson





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# revivals

## God Blesses Entire District

**HORSE BRANCH, Ky.**—We are happy with the progress of the Horse Branch Church of God. Since coming here 3 months ago, we have reorganized our Y.P.E. with 38 present the first night. Two weeks ago Rev. Anis Scott from Louisville, Kentucky, preached us a week-end revival. We had 7 saved, 1 sanctified, 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 5 baptized in water and 5 were added to the church. We praise God for the wonderful revival spirit we feel in our church. But God is not only blessing our church but also the entire district.

We recently conducted a week's meeting for Brother Ernest Whitley at the Oak Grove Church. God gave us a great outpouring of His Spirit, and the church was wonderfully blessed. Our second and last fellowship was one of the greatest services I have ever been in. Brother Frank Scott, pastor of the Rockport Church and district Sunday School and youth director, was scheduled to preach, but the Holy Ghost took charge and no one preached. We praise God for the wonderful revival spirit in the churches on the Horse Branch district.

Pray for us because we see great things in the future for our district.

—Alvin W. Edwards, district pastor

## Evangelist Blesses Church

**PINELLAS PARK, Fla.**—The Tavares Church of God began a revival October 5, with Brother and Sister A. R. Heaston of Pinellas Park, Florida, as the evangelists. Brother Heaston blessed the church with some good preaching; he was anointed with the power of God. His preaching is good, sound doctrine. We received 3 members into the church.

—F. W. Griffin, clerk

## Revival Ends; Spirit Remains

**WEST FLINT, Mich.**—The West Flint, Michigan, Church of God wants to thank God for the wonderful revival we had with Brother

C. B. Donohue as the evangelist. There were 21 saved, 16 sanctified, 16 baptized with the Holy Ghost and 24 were added to the church.

This was the best revival our church has had in several years. God has been very real to us, and our hearts have been stirred. We have had a great moving of the Spirit of God among our young people. Many have been saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. They are carrying on a very successful visitation program and are winning others to Christ.

The Lord has been so good to us in sending us such a wonderful pastor as Brother O. W. Polen. He carries a burden for our church and faithfully visits our sick and others in behalf of the church. Our Sunday School, Y.P.E. and church, in general, are showing splendid increases.

Brother Polen and his family have already been a wonderful blessing to us, and we are expecting God's blessings to rest upon us as we continue to grow spiritually and numerically.

We cannot thank God enough for what He is doing for us. The revival spirit continues even though the revival campaign has ended.

—Mrs. Fred Blankenship, reporter

## Lord Blesses Church

**MOUNTAIN CITY, Ga.**—We recently closed a revival at the Church of God at Mountain City, Georgia. Sister Mildred Holcomb of Demorest, Georgia, conducted the revival. Everyone enjoyed her good messages. The revival was well attended and the altar was full almost every night.

There were 16 saved, 12 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 added to the church.

The Lord is surely blessing us in a wonderful way. Brother John H. Cobb is the pastor.—Reporter

## Fifty-eight Saved in Great Revival

**HUMBOLDT, Tenn.**—November 13 was the beginning of a meeting that proved to be a great revival for our church. Night after night the evangelist, Rev. Douglas Jacobs, taught the people to fear and reverence God until the people were

made to feel that God was really present.

Conviction was wrought by the Holy Spirit through the preached Word with such force that the sinners broke down as though a mighty earthquake was crushing upon them. This revival was truly different in that Christ was increased and man was decreased.

Fifty-eight souls wept their way to Calvary at the altar. Fifteen were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Nineteen were baptized in water and 17 joined the church. This three weeks' meeting was truly a blessing to the church.

Sometimes people may think that a church cannot financially support a revival, but I believe that a real revival will support itself, thus strengthening the church.

I wholeheartedly endorse this evangelist to any church of any size. Thanks be to our God.

—T. R. Martin, pastor

## Best Revival in History of Church at Sebring

**SEBRING, Fla.**—We thank God for the outpouring of His Spirit in a recent revival at Sebring, Florida. Each night the electrifying power of God blessed the congregation. During the revival there were 33 saved, 20 sanctified, and 8 filled with the Holy Ghost. The soul-stirring messages of the evangelist, Brother Brady B. Luke, caused many to repent in the old-fashioned way. Many of the elder members stated that this was the best revival in the history of the church. On the final day of the revival 9 were added to the church and 21 were baptized in water.

Brother and Sister J. W. Peeples are doing a fine work as our pastor. We're expecting God to continue blessing our church here. Pray for us.

—Reporter

## Church Praises God for His Visitation

**WOODLAWN, Va.**—We the people of Monarat Church of God and this community want to sound a high note of praise and thanksgiving to our God for the great visitation of His Spirit to us in the great revival we had during the month of October. With his humble handmaiden, Sister Della R. Patrick of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, preaching the old-time gospel with power sent down from heaven, He convicted sinners and brought faith and encouragement to the sick and afflicted.

There were numerous miraculous healings: goiters disappeared, deaf ears were opened, the crippled walked, cancer was healed.

This community will never forget

this revival or Sister Patrick and her faith in God. Many attended the revival and were blessed greatly. Several were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Seven were added to the church. For all of this we want to thank and praise God.

Pray for us here at Monarat.  
—Lena Padgett, clerk

### Entire Families Turn From Sinful Ways

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—In an unprecedented outpouring of the Holy Ghost, the South Park Church of God experienced one of its greatest revivals. Evangelist C. E. Richards and Pastor H. T. Statum effectively built on the foundation laid by South Park's former pastor, John D. Nichols, 15 hard-working Sunday School teachers, and many faithful prayer warriors who have long travelled and sought God's face for the salvation of their lost loved ones.

Sixty were saved from their sins, 40 were gloriously sanctified, 40 were filled with the Holy Ghost, 39 were baptized in water, and 33 were added to the church. Countless other souls received blessings and renewed their covenants with God as prayers were answered at last and lost loved ones fell in the altar and wept their way through to victory.

Entire families turned from their sinful ways and purposed to serve God together. After almost 6 weeks Brother Richards had to leave, but the Christians at South Park have purposed to keep the revival fires burning until Jesus returns.

—Doyle Taylor, reporter

### Church Breaks All-Time Record in Sunday School

DOVER, Ohio — The Dover Church of God reports a 3-week revival with Evelyn Leedy of Canton, Ohio, as the evangelist. There were 41 saved, 20 sanctified, 22 baptized in water, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 27 added to the church.

We broke the all-time record in Sunday School with an increase of over 50 per cent. There were also several wonderful healings. This was the best revival in 28 years.

—Reporter

### Pastor's Wife Conducts Successful Revival

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The Elmwood Avenue Church of God at Columbia, South Carolina, is praising the Lord for a great 3-week Holy Ghost revival. The moving of the Spirit

of God was real in every service. Sick bodies were touched by the Master's hand; 33 were saved, 22 were sanctified, 27 were filled with the Holy Ghost, 21 were baptized in water, and 17 were added to the church.

Sister Evelyn Barnes, our pastor's wife, was the evangelist.

—Rev. C. W. Barnes, pastor

### Gives Thanks to God for Great Revival

BRADLEY, W. Va.—We here at Bradley, West Virginia, where Rev. R. E. Leadingham is pastor, want to give thanks to God for a great revival which lasted 4 weeks. The first night of the revival 6 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The glory of God was in our service each night. People came from different churches to attend this meeting. Many said they could feel the sweet spirit and fellowship as they entered the door. The love and fellowship of God was great each night throughout the revival. The power of God was manifested, messages and interpretations were given, and many were healed. There were 30 saved, 18 sanctified, 19 filled with the Holy Ghost, 14 baptized in water, and 18 added to the church.

Rev. and Mrs. John Harden from Beckley, West Virginia, were our evangelists. Brother Hardin preached some of the greatest messages we have ever heard. Brother and Sister Harden are wonderful people. I'd like to say that anyone who wants an evangelist would be fortunate to get Brother Harden. We welcome them back any time to be with us.

—Edith Boles, reporter

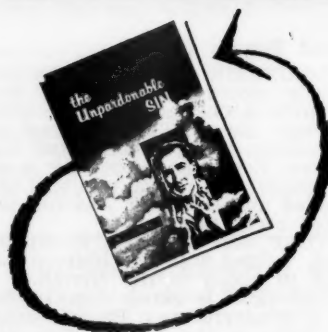
### Church Experiences Its Greatest Revival

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—We would like to report a revival which began November 20 and closed December 4. Everyone agreed that it was the best revival ever to be conducted in the North Memphis Church of God. The altar was filled each night with hungry seekers. The power of God was manifested in every service. Rev. Malmuc Austill of Memphis was our evangelist.

There were 16 saved, 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 3 renewed, and 1 was added to the church.

We thank God for fine young people such as Brother Austill and his faithful wife.

—Edna Gitter, clerk



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—Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina

. . . I heard your message on "The Kind of Youth the World Needs." You see, I am a young Christian, too. I have possessed a great desire to serve the Lord with my life. Many times the Christian life becomes very discouraging, but your message just seemed to lift me up and give me a new zeal for Christ. Thank God that you are preaching not only to win the lost, but also to strengthen and encourage the weak.

—Cramerton, North Carolina

. . . and enjoy reading your newsletter and the Sermon of the Month. After I read them, I send them on to someone else. On occasions I send them to a friend in Japan.

—Anawalt, West Virginia

. . . I just wanted to write and tell you how much your program has meant to me, but now that I've really set myself to the task I find that my vocabulary will not permit me to put into words the actual lift of spirit and feeling of enlightenment that I experience while listening to your program every Sunday morning.

I am of another denomination, but I love to hear your beautiful messages in song and your clear-cut sermons. I hope it will make you happy to know that not only your own members, but also those of other faiths get a blessing from your ministry.

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